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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AMARILLO DIVISION

In re: McClain Feed Yard, Inc., et. al., Debtors.	S Case No. 23-200-84-rlj7 Jointly Administered Case No. 23-500096-rlj12 Jointly Administered Adversary No. 24-02007-rlj Consolidated Adversary Proceeding S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S
In re:	§ §
2B Farms, a Texas General Partnership, et. al., <i>Debtors</i> .	\$ Case No. 23-500096-rlj12 \$ Jointly Administered \$
AgTexas Farm Credit Services, AgTexas PCA, Thorlakson Diamond T Feeders, LP, Plaintiffs,	§ § § §
Edward Dufurrena, et. al., Intervernor-Plaintiffs,	 § Adversary No. 24-02007-rlj § Consolidated Adversary Proceeding §
v.	§ §
Rabo AgriFinace, LLC, et. al., Defendants.	§ § §
HTLF Bank, as successor to First Bank & Trust, Plaintiff, Counter-Defendant and	§ § §
Cross-Claim Defendant,	§ § §

v.

2B Farms, a Texas General Partnership, Terry M. Robinson, and Rebecca A. Robinson, Defendants, Counterclaim-Plaintiffs, Third-Party Plaintiffs and Third-Party Counterclaim Defendants, Adversary No. 24-02007-rlj Consolidate Adversary Proceeding

v.

Rabo AgriFinace, LLC and Mechanics Bank, Third-Party Defendants and, as to Rabo AgriFinace LLC only, Third-Party.

WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LIST

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT L. JONES, BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COME NOW, 2B Farms, a Texas General Partnership, Terry M. Robinson and Rebecca A Robinson (collectively, "2B Farms" and/or "Debtors") and file this Witness and Exhibit List for the hearing set for January 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. on *Mechanics Bank's Motion for Protective Order and Stay of Discovery Pending Ruling on Motion to Dismiss* [Adv. Dkt. # 37] and 2B Farms' objection thereto [Adv. Dkt. # 53], and would show the Court as follows:

I. WITNESS LIST

2B Farms expects to call some or all of the following witnesses:

1. none

2B Farms reserves the right to call rebuttal or impeachment witnesses, as may be necessary.

II. EXHIBIT LIST

2B Farms intends to submit the following exhibits:

Exhibit "A" Third-Party Plaintiff, 2B Farms' First Set of Discovery Requests to Mechanics

Bank dated October 16, 2024.

Exhibit "B" Excerpts of the Deposition taken of Meagan Goad on July 16, 2024.

2B Farms reserves the right to offer any exhibit designated by other parties, present exhibits for rebuttal or impeachment purposes and to offer any documents or pleadings filed in this bankruptcy proceeding.

2B Farms further reserves the right to supplement or amend this list any time prior to the hearing.

DATED: January 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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FARMS, A GENERAL TEXAS PARTNERSHIP,
TERRY ROBINSON, REBECCA ROBINSON,
AND ANGELA ROBINSON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 10, 2025, the foregoing document was filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notice of electronic filing to all electronic filing users in this case, including the following:

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EXHIBIT "A"

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AMARILLO DIVISION

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In re:	§ 8
McClain Feed Yard, Inc., et. al., Debtors.	Case No. 23-200-84-rlj7 Jointly Administered
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2B Farms, a Texas General Partnership, Terry M. Robinson, and Rebecca A. Robinson, Defendants, Counterclaim-Plaintiffs, Third-Party Plaintiffs and Third-Party Counterclaim Defendants,	 Consolidate Adversary Proceeding §
v.	§ 8
Rabo AgriFinace, LLC and Mechanics Bank, Third-Party Defendants and, as to Rabo AgriFinace LLC only, Third-Party.	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

THIRD-PARTY PLAINTIFF, 2B FARMS'
FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO MECHANICS BANK

TO: Mechanics Bank, by and through their attorneys of record Richard Illmer, Husch Blackwell LLP, 1900 N. Pearl Street, Suite 1800, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Third-Party Plaintiff 2B Farms serves these Requests for Admissions on Third-Party Defendant, Mechanics Bank ("Mechanics" or "Bank"), as allowed by FED. R. BANKR. P. 7936 and FED. R. CIV. P. 36. Mechanics must either admit or deny specifically the matters stated in the attached list of facts requested to be admitted, or set forth in detail the reasons why you cannot truthfully either admit or deny those facts. Each of the facts listed shall be deemed admitted, unless you make and deliver or cause to be delivered your response within thirty (30) days from the date of service of these discovery requests.

Pursuant to FED. R. BANKR. P. 7033 and FED. R. CIV. P. 33, you are to answer the attached Interrogatories separately, fully, in writing, and under oath. These Interrogatories should be answered based on all of the information available to Mechanics Bank, its agents, representatives, and attorneys. You should deliver a true copy of your answers to the attorney for 2B Farms, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of these discovery requests. You are under a duty to supplement your answers.

Pursuant to FED. R. BANKR. P. 7034 and FED. R. CIV. P. 34, you are to produce documents responsive to each request for production. You should deliver true and correct copies of your responsive documents to the attorney for 2B Farms, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of these discovery requests. You are under a duty to supplement your answers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Third-Party Plaintiff 2B Farms

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was on October 16, 2024, served on the attorneys of record via e-mail delivery, as follows:

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And

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And

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Hudson M. Jobe JOBE LAW PLLC 6060 North Central Expressway, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75206 Special Counsel for Kent Ries, Trustee

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/s/ Todd J. Johnston Todd J. Johnston

DEFINITIONS

- 1. **Mechanics Bank**. The term "Mechanics" or "Bank" shall mean Mechanics Bank, and all officers, directors, members, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives of the foregoing.
- 2. MF. The term "MF" shall mean McClain Farms, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, and all officers, directors, members, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives of the foregoing.
- 3. **MFY**. The term "MFY" shall mean McClain Feed Yards, Inc., a Texas corporation, and all officers, directors, members, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives of the foregoing.
- 4. **7M**. The term "7M" shall mean 7M Cattle Feeders, Inc, a Kentucky corporation, and all officers, directors, members, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives of the foregoing.
- 5. **McClain**. The term "McClain" shall mean Brian Keith McClain, aka Brian K. McClain, and also includes his agents, heirs and representatives, including but not limited to his estate, his widow Chelsea McClain, his former spouse Crystal McClain, his daughter Meagan B. Goad, f/k/a Meagan B. Powell, and his daughter Kinsey Moreland.
- 6. **McClain Parties**. The term "McClain Parties" shall mean each and all of MF, MFY, 7M, and McClain, either individually or collectively as the context may require.
- 7. **2B Farms**. The term "2B Farms" shall mean each and all of 2B Farms, a General Partnership, Terri M. Robinson, and/or Rebecca A. Robinson, all officers, directors, members, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives of the foregoing, and all affiliates of the foregoing.
- 8. **Bankruptcy Cases**. The term "Bankruptcy Cases" refers to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed by each of MF, MFY and 7M in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, which bankruptcy cases are being jointly administered under Case Number 23-20084-7-rlj.
- 9. **Adversary**. The term "Adversary" refers to that certain consolidated adversary proceeding now pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, consolidated under Adversary No. 24-02007-rlj.
- 10. **Cattle**. The term "Cattle" shall mean any cattle or other livestock that was owned (in whole or in part by) by, under the control of, or in the possession of any of the McClain Parties.
- 11. USDA. The term "USDA" shall mean the United States Department of Agriculture, Packers & Stockyards Division.
- 12. **USDA Claims**. The term "USDA Claims" shall mean any and all claims filed with the USDA in 2023, which refer to, relate in any way to or assert claims against any of the McClain Parties.
- 13. **McClain Accounts**. The term "McClain Accounts" shall mean any and all savings, checking, money market, demand, deposit, loan or other financial accounts owned by or in the name of any of the McClain Parties and held or located at Mechanics Bank during the Relevant Documents Time Period.
- 14. **Trustee**. The term "Trustee" shall mean Kent Ries, the Chapter 7 Trustee for the estates of MFY, MF and 7M, as well as the Trustee's attorneys and other retained professionals.

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- 15. **Relevant Documents Time Period**. The term "Relevant Documents Time Period" shall mean the period from January 1, 2018 through the present.
- 16. **Relevant Communications Time Period**. The term "Relevant Communications Time Period" shall mean the period from January 1, 2021 through the present.
- Documents or Electronically Stored Information. The term "documents or electronically stored information" shall be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of those terms in Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and shall include, without limitation, any written, printed, electronic, typed, recorded, filmed, punched, transcribed, taped, or other graphic matter of any kind or nature however stored, produced, or reproduced, whether sent or received or neither, including the original, drafts, copies, and non-identical copies bearing notations or marks not found on the original, and includes, but is not limited to, all records, memoranda, reports, financial statements, handwritten and other notes, transcripts, paper, indices, electronic mail messages, electronic text messages, voicemail, word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases, calendars, telephone logs, contact manager information, internet usage files (including activity logs, records of internet and web browser generated files, history files, caches, and cookies), network access information, blogs, tweets, instant messages, letters, envelopes, telegrams, cables, telex messages, telephone messages, summaries or records of telephone conversations. summaries or records of personal conversations or interviews, summaries or records of meetings or conferences, minutes or transcripts or notations of meetings or telephone conversations or other communications of any type, tabulations, studies, analyses, evaluations, projections, work papers, statements, summaries, opinions, journals, desk calendars, appointment books, diaries, billing records, invoices, or photographs, or other data compilations in any medium from which information can be obtained, including, but not limited to microfilms, magnetic tapes, electronic storage, computers, laptops, hard drives, thumb drives, personal digital assistants, smart phones, and archives, and includes any other documents discoverable under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, which are in your custody, possession, and/or control or to which you otherwise have access. The term "document" also includes file and folder tabs associated with each of the aforementioned originals, copies, drafts, or versions. The term "document" also includes "communication" as defined herein.
- 18. **Communications**. The term "communications" shall be construed as broadly as possible, and shall include, but not be limited, to all e-mails, text messages, correspondence, memoranda, or other written documentation in any form.
- 19. **Concerning**. The term "concerning" means referring to, referencing, reflecting, in connection with, describing, evidencing, indicating, supporting or constituting, digesting, embodying, establishing, tending to establish, tending not to establish, comprising, commenting on, responding to, disagreeing with, showing, describing, analyzing, representing, constituting or including, in whole or in part.
 - 20. All/Each. The terms "all" and "each" shall be construed as all and each.
- 21. And/Or. The connectives "and" and "or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of the discovery request all responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.
- 22. **Tense**. The use of the present tense includes the present and past tense, and the use of the past tense includes the past and present tense.
 - 23. You/Your. The terms "You" and/or "Your" means each, any and/or all of the 2B Parties.

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REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS TO MECHANICS BANK

1. Admit that Mechanics Bank was aware of McClain Parties' fraudulent/check-kiting scheme at any time prior to April 4, 2023.

RESPONSE:

2. Admit that Mechanics Bank exercised control over the McClain Accounts at any time between April 4-15, 2023.

RESPONSE:

3. Admit that Mechanics Bank's uses check kiting data-analytics software, or similar check kiting detection software, on the accounts that it maintains for its customers.

RESPONSE:

4. Admit that Mechanics Bank's check kiting data-analytics software alerted it of the McClain Parties' check kiting scheme at some point prior to April 4, 2023.

RESPONSE:

5. Admit that Mechanics Bank held a separate "bank-controlled account" through which it cleared certain items from the McClain Accounts. *See* Interrogatory No. 3 below.

RESPONSE:

6. Admit that Mechanics Bank allowed the following wire deposit into the McClain Accounts from 2B Farms' account:

Wire Out Date	Recipient	Amount	
April 4, 2023	McClain Feedyard, Inc.	\$2,473,847.58	

RESPONSE:

7. Admit that Mechanics Bank allowed the following wire deposit into the McClain Accounts from 2B Farms' account:

Wire Out Date	Recipient	Amount	
April 5, 2023	McClain Feedyard, Inc.	\$2,499,037.72	

RESPONSE:

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8. Admit that Mechanics Bank allowed the following wire deposit into the McClain Accounts from 2B Farms' account:

Wire Out Date

Recipient

Amount

April 6, 2023

McClain Feedyard, Inc.

\$2,486,071.62

RESPONSE:

9. Admit that Mechanics Bank prevented the following check from clearing the McClain Accounts:

Check

Date of Check

Amount of Check

McClain Farms Inc. Check # 7331

April 4, 2023

\$2,530,920.39

RESPONSE:

10. Admit that Mechanics Bank prevented the following check from clearing the McClain Accounts:

Check

Date of Check

Amount of Check

McClain Farms Inc. Check # 7620

April 5, 2023

\$2,559,407.02

RESPONSE:

11. Admit that Mechanics Bank prevented the following check from clearing the McClain Accounts:

Check

Date of Check

Amount of Check

McClain Farms Inc. Check # 7621

April 6, 2023

\$2,510,991.45

RESPONSE:

12. Admit that Mechanics Bank was able to avoid deficits on the McClain Accounts (i.e. an overdrawn account), by allowing deposits to come into the McClain Accounts, while at the same time, preventing certain checks from clearing the McClain Accounts, including the checks written to 2B Farms referenced in Request for Admissions No. 9, 10 and 11 above.

RESPONSE:

13. Admit that Mechanics Bank delivered \$1,414,714.60 to the Trustee from the McClain Accounts.

RESPONSE:

14. Admit that Rabo AgriFinance shared with Mechanics Bank information its investigators discovered regarding potentially fraudulent activities in the McClain Feed Yard operations prior to April 4, 2023.

RESPONSE:

15. Admit that Mechanics Bank protected itself prior to April 4, 2023, when it became aware of McClain Feed Yard's fraudulent activities.

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RESPONSE:

16. Admit that, upon becoming aware of McClain Feed Yard fraudulent activities, Mechanics Bank's actions related to Requests for Admissions No. 6 through 11 above damaged 2B Farms.

RESPONSE:

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INTERROGATORIES TO MECHANICS BANK

1. Explain when any Mechanics Bank officer, employee or agent first became aware of or suspected McClain's fraudulent/ check kiting scheme being conducted through the McClain Accounts and the actions the Bank took as a result of this notice.

ANSWER:

2. Explain in detail (including time, date, method and parties involved) when Mechanics Bank was contacted by a representative of Rabo AgriFinance notifying it of the McClain Parties' fraudulent/check kiting scheme.

ANSWER:

3. Rabo AgriFinance's stated the following in its Response to the Trustee's (A) Motion for Status Conference on Trustee's Notice of USDA Approved Trustee Claims, and (B) Notice of Approved Trust Claims [Bankruptcy Case # 23-20084-rlj7, Dkt. # 134. P. 10]:

Furthermore, on April 5, 2023, or prior to the Petition Date, Rabo exercised its rights under the DACAs by delivering to Mechanics Bank its *Written Instructions to Freeze MFI Account, 7M Account and MFY Account, and to Prevent Items from Being Withdrawn or Paid from the MFI Account, 7M Account and MFY Account* (the "Freeze and Turnover Letter"). After it received the Freeze and Turnover Letter, on information and belief, Mechanics Bank cleared certain items from the Debtors' accounts using a bank-controlled account, and then remitted the \$1,414,714.60 to the Trustee. Significantly, the only accounts that the Debtors had at Mechanics Bank were the three accounts upon which Rabo had a DACA. Thus, the entirety of the \$1,414,714.60 consists upon cash upon which Rabo had a perfected lien by control, and it does not matter that Mechanics Bank first placed the funds into a bank-controlled account before sending the funds to the Trustee. That bank-controlled account consisted entirely of the Debtors' funds upon which Rabo had a security interest perfected by control, and the funds are clearly traceable to the Debtors (why else would Mechanics Bank have turned them over).

Explain in detail what Mechanics Bank did in relation to Rabo AgriFinance's statement that, Mechanics Bank had a "bank-controlled account" with respect to transactions related to the McClain Accounts and that it "cleared certain items from the Debtors' accounts" referenced in the above paragraph.

ANSWER:

4. Explain why Mechanics Bank allowed wire deposits from 2B Farms' account referenced in Request for Admission Nos. 6 through 8 above while at the same time preventing checks drawn on the McClain Accounts made payable to 2B Farms from clearing the McClain Accounts referenced in Request for Admission Nos. 9 through 11 above.

ANSWER:

5. Explain how Mechanics Bank was able to deliver \$1,414,714.60 to the Trustee while checks drawn on the McClain Accounts made payable to 2B Farms referenced in Requests for Admission Nos. 9 through 11 above did not clear the McClain Accounts.

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ANSWER:

6. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 1 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

7. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 2 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

8. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 3 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

9. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 4 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

10. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 5 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

11. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 6 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

12. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 7 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

13. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 8 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

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14. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 9 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

15. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 10 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

16. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 11 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

17. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 12 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

18. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 13 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

19. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 14 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

20. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 15 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

21. If your response to the Request for Admissions No. 16 contained herein is not an unqualified admission, please state the scope of your denial and state the legal theories and describe the general factual bases for such denial.

ANSWER:

22. Has any government representative or regulatory agency contacted you about the McClain activities, and if so, please identify who, when and subject matter of same.

ANSWER:

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO MECHANICS BANK

1. Please produce all e-mail, text or other written or electronic forms of communication sent to or from Jamie Rabitin, Mechanics Bank's Senior Vice President/Direct of Commercial Servicing, with any party that in any way concerns the McClain Accounts from February 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023. Said communications should include, but not limited, internal correspondence by and between any Mechanics Bank employees as well as by and between Megan Goad, Brian McClain and/or any representative of Rabo AgriFinance.

RESPONSE:

2. Please produce all documents produced by Mechanics Bank in response to the Subpoena For Rule 2004 Production of Documents served by Creditors AgTexas Farm Credit Services, AgTexas PCA and Thorlakson Diamond T. Feeders, LP on or about November 10, 2023.

RESPONSE:

3. Please produce any notice(s) generated by any check kiting data-analytics software, or any similar check-kiting detection software, utilized by Mechanics Bank that was delivered to any officer or employee or agent regarding the deposits and/or withdrawals through the McClain Accounts held at Mechanics Bank.

RESPONSE:

4. Please produce any documents that support your claim against 2B Farms.

RESPONSE:

5. Please produce any documents that support your claim against Rabo.

RESPONSE:

6. Please produce any documents that support your claim against HTLF Bank, successor to First Bank & Trust.

RESPONSE:

7. Please produce any documents that support your defensive claims/arguments against 2B Farms.

RESPONSE:

8. Please produce any documents that support your defensive claims/arguments against Rabo.

RESPONSE:

9. Please produce any documents that support your defensive claims/arguments against First Bank & Trust.

RESPONSE:

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10. Please produce any documents you have presented to any expert in this case.

RESPONSE:

11. Please produce any documents used to answer these discovery requests, or that supports your position taken in same.

RESPONSE:

VERIFICATION

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COUNTY OF	§		
BEFORE ME, the unders, of Mecito me to be the person whose name	hanics Bank, its	on this day personally appeared	, known
being first duly sworn, Affiant decinterrogatories, and that each answ and belief.	clared under oath	that he/she has read the attached	d answers to
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1 1 IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2 AMARILLO DIVISION 3 IN RE: CASE NOS. 23-20084-7-rlj 23-20085-7-rlj 5 McCLAIN FEEDYARD, INC.; 23-20086-7-rli McCLAIN FARMS, INC.; and 6 7M CATTLE FEEDERS, INC., 7 Debtors. CHAPTER 7 8 9 DEPOSITION OF MEAGAN GOAD 10 11 The deposition of MEAGAN GOAD, taken by Rabo 12 Agrifinance, LLC, pursuant to Subpoena on Tuesday, the 16th day of July, 2024, at the hour of 9:57 a.m., at 13 the Law Offices of Farmer & Wright, 4975 Alben Barkley Drive, Suite 1, in the City of Paducah, County of 14 McCracken, State of Kentucky, before me, Amy S. 15 Fleming, RPR, CSR, and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Kentucky at Large, to be used for the purpose of discovery and/or evidence and all other 16 purposes allowed under the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy 17 Procedure. 18 19 2.0 21 22 WEST KENTUCKY REPORTING SERVICE, INC. -Registered Professional Reporters-23 -Certified Shorthand Reporters-125 Nahm Street, Suite 105 24 Paducah, Kentucky 42001 (270)443-963125 info@wkrsdepo.com

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130 132 that. A. Yes, sir. 1 Were you aware on April 5, 2023, Rabo Q. And that the depository bank in that 2 2 AgriFinance instructed Mechanics Bank to freeze relationship was Mechanics Bank? 3 accounts of McClain and McClain Farms? A. Yes. 4 4 A. Was I aware on this date? Q. Then Ms. Rabitin, was she the person that Q. Yes. you would interact with at Mechanics Bank when you A. No, sir. 7 had questions about the account? Q. When did you become aware of that event? A. I would never have questions about the A. On the 6th, when I tried to log into the accounts. Brian spoke with her more than I did. I 9 bank account online. 10 would just have questions if the checks -- if -- it 10 11 Q. And that would have been April 6th, 2023? was only on online banking is what I would have if 11 I needed -- if something happened with one of our 12 A. Yes, sir. 12 Q. Do you know who the person is that received 13 13 deposits or something didn't read correctly on one this letter, I mean, who it's addressed to? Do you 14 of the deposits would be when I would talk to her. 15 know who that is, Jamie Rabitin? 15 I didn't have any other conversations with her. 16 A. I spoke with her some, but, no, I don't. 16 Q. So I hate to use this word, but I don't She did not -- I did not have a business 17 17 know a better one. The mechanics of the bank 18 relationship with her. 18 account, making sure that deposits were accounted 19 Q. You spoke with her by telephone? for, checks that were presented for payment were 19 A. Or email, yes. actually paid, Jamie would be the person that you 20 20 Q. Did you meet her in person anywhere? 21 21 would interact with at the Mechanics Bank about A. Not that I'm aware of. I -- but I don't 22 22 those subjects? remember. A. I wouldn't interact with anyone about those 23 23 24 Q. When did you exchange electronic 24 subjects. That would be Brian. communications or phone calls, have phone calls 25 Q. Give us an example of what would prompt 131 133 with Ms. Rabitin? your communication with Jamie. A. That would have -- are you asking when did 2 A. If I had a check that I was depositing on I --3 the online banking and there was an issue with it Q. Yes. or if they had a deposit limit -- so if the deposit 4 A. -- when did we get --5 limit needed to be raised, I would contact her to Q. Yes. raise the deposit limit. A. I don't know. I -- she was who I would --Q. What would be a problem with a check she is who I would contact if I had any issues with presented for deposit? deposits on online banking. A. If it didn't read correctly on the reader Q. So she was your contact person at Mechanics 10 that it would scan through. 10 Bank? 11 11 Q. Did you have a scanner at your office --A. Yes. 12 A. Yes, sir. 12 Q. Did you understand that Mechanics Bank was 13 13 O. -- at the barn? 14 accepting deposits and would honor checks 14 A. Yes, sir. pertaining to the McClain account and the Rabo 15 15 Q. And so if you got a check from someone that AgriFinance line of credit? 16 dealt with this account, it would scan the check 16 17 A. Can you rephrase your question? in? 17 Q. I'll try. You're aware that Rabo 18 A. Yes. 18 AgriFinance is not a bank that accepts deposits and 19 19 Q. And send it to the Mechanics Bank account? honors checks? 20 20 21 A. Yes, sir. 21 Q. And if something was smudged or something Q. And that the line of credit for Rabo as a 22 and the bank couldn't read the check, then you 22 23 result had to go through a depository bank? would have a discussion with Jamie about that 23 A. Yes.

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A. Yes.

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Q. Are you aware of that?

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Q. And he'd bring the cattle here to be sorted

2 or to -- I mean, your dad pens in Kentucky to be

3 sorted?

4 A. Yes, sir.

Q. So that's what was happening here?

6 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you have -- would you turn to the next

page, please? It's Number 00340.

9 A. Yes, sir.

Q. The entries I want to ask you about start

on April 3. There's a -- something that your dad

12 sent with some information about "Jared Lesh

cowhorses inc"?

14 A. Yes.

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Q. And that looks to me like a printout, or at

least an electronic version, of someone's contact

information. Is that what that is?

18 A. To me it looks like wire instructions.

Q. Okay. You're ahead of me. Do you know why

20 your dad sent you wire instructions for Jared Lesh

21 Cowhorses, Inc.?

A. With the next message being sent, I'm going

23 to say I was supposed to send a wire to Jared.

Q. Do you know what the amount was?

A. Absolutely not.

on a day-by-day basis from time to time?

2 A. Yes, sir.

Q. How would you find out about that?

4 A. How would I find out the deposit limit was

5 raised?

Q. Yes.

7 A. That would be one of the things that Jamie

did.

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Q. So Jamie -- if she did it, though, how

10 would you find out about it?

A. She would email. It would have to be

12 requested.

Q. And who would do the request?

14 A. Me or Brian.

Q. How would you make that request?

16 A. Email.

Q. Now we're in the next day, April 4, 2023,

8:09 a.m. You say, "She is getting phone numbers."

"Told her I didn't have Tom's."

Do you know what that's about?

A. She was -- there was a lady from Rabo

there. I don't know what she was doing because I

23 was not privy to any of that information. I was

only told to speak with her when she wanted to

speak with me and to stay sparse the rest of the

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Q. You just don't recall the transaction?

A. No.

Q. Then we're going now further into the day,

4 April 3. All that happened at 12:55, the

5 information about Mr. Lesh.

Then April 3, the next -- that evening, he

7 says, "Limit is raised."

8 You get that and you say, "Okay."

Do you recall what that's about?

A. That would be the deposit limit for the day

11 was raised.

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Q. So that means that limit we talked about

in my hypothetical of \$1 million, that got raised

to -- I'll make it up -- say \$2 million?

15 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know what the new deposit limit was

17 after April 3, 2023?

18 A. They would only raise it as -- day by day.

19 It was not permanently raised.

Q. When you say they would always -- only

21 raise it --

A. Mechanics.

23 Q. -- who's "they"?

24 A. Mechanics.

Q. So Mechanics would raise the deposit limit

1 time. And told her I didn't have Tom's number

because I did not have Tom's number saved in my

phone.

4 Q. And "Tom" being Tom Thorlakson --

A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. -- who's here today with --

You said a lady from Rabo was where?

A. At the barn in Benton.

9 Q. With you in your office?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. At the barn?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember her name?

14 A. No, sir.

Q. Was she alone, or did she come with someone

16 else?

17 A. I feel like there was somebody else there,

18 but I don't really recall much.

Q. A man or a woman?

20 A. It would have been a man.

Q. Do you recall his name?

22 A. No, sir.

Q. Did they tell you why they were there?

24 A. No.

Q. Did you know they were coming?

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	MEAGAN GOAD COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)) COUNTY OF) I certify that this deposition was signed in my presence by MEAGAN GOAD, on the day of, 2024. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this the day of, 2024. Notary Public No	COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF McCRACKEN I, AMY S. FLEMING, RPR, CSR, and Notary Public in and for said Commonwealth of Kentucky at Large, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, correct, and complete transcript of the deposition of MEAGAN GOAD, taken at the time and place and for the purpose set out in the caption hereof; that said witness was duly sworn by me; that said deposition was taken down in stenotype by me and thereafter transcribed; that the appearances were as set out in the caption hereof. I further certify that I am neither attorney for, nor counsel for, nor related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this	208
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